resolutions, a good number, 41 in all, were tabled for discussion, we were able to take up ten only, and that is because we gave precedence to the consideration of the Bills. This being the legislative session, the Bills occupied the first place, and unless and until we have got through the consideration of the Bills, we will not be justified in passing on to the resolutions. Nevertheless, I allotted two days for the consideration of resolutions, and I think on one day it was not possible to carry on the discussion of the resolutions.

Then, our greatest achievement is in the matter of Bills. The number of Bills dealt with, in some stage or other, during this session is 17, of which 5 were Government Bills and 12 non-official Bills. Of the 17 Bills for the session, 8 were passed by the Council, two were referred to the Select Committee—and including the one of to-day, three were referred to the Select Committee—one postponed for consideration at a future meeting and one moved and lost, and to-day we have given leave for the introduction of the Legislative Council Members' Exemption Bill, and the Cochin Cow Protection Bill. That is the net result of our legislative activity during this session, and I think it is an achievement for which we can take credit. And as far as possible, I find that our time has been utilised to the best advantage of the Council, and it has not been always possible for me to adhere to the time-limit which the Council has authorised to me to impose, because in the discussion of the important questions it will be absolutely necessary to deviate from the rule to some extent; especially in connection with the Cochin Medical Relief Bill, we have spent considerable time, and as I pointed out yesterday, the discussion was on the whole very useful. I have nothing more to say in proroguing the Council, but I wish to express the hope that it will be my great pleasure to welcome you all at the ensuing budget session, and I hope that you will be able to cordially help us in getting through that eventful session. I expect to meet you all in a such and hearty condition. I now prorogue the session, subject to this that I allow a few minutes for Dr. A. Govinda Menon to speak.

Dr. A. G. Menon's reply on behalf on the Progressive Party.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Sir, we are very thankful to you for recognising our party and for your kind reference to it in your concluding speech. As you have said that the key note of the Government policy is progress, I need not say, Sir, that the same is the key-note of our party. Our motto is progress. We are not an opposition party merely. We want to see that our

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State progresses steadily and fairly well. As long as this policy is followed by the Government, we are one with them.

We are also thankful to you, Sir, for allotting to us a separate block of seats, known as the Progressive Block, as requested by us.

About the resolutions, we request you to set apart at least two evenings in a session and thereby to give us an opportunity to place our views before the Government. Now, of the five days, only on the first day we were allowed to move one or two resolutions. There are many resolutions ballotted. So we request that some special arrangements might be made, say, two evenings at the least, in the, programme to give us some opportunity to place our views in the form of resolutions.

President.—You need not expect anything in the budget session.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—We do, Sir. It is left to you, Sir, to make arrangements. At least two evenings, from 3 to 5 may be allotted. Then only we will have a little opportunity of taking at least one or two resolutions in a session.

And another point which I want to bring to your notice is, in the budget session, you have already promised that important heads of accounts will be brought forward, especially the Medical and Public Works. Generally, for the last two years they were taken last, and we had not that opportunity of placing our views before the House. So, I request that, while preparing the programme for the budget session, you will please bestow special care about this. I, on behalf of my party, again, take this opportunity of thanking you most heartily for the kind words you have expressed on our behalf. With these few words I resume my seat.

President.—I shall see to this. Good-bye to all.

The House rose at 5-12 p. m.

T. K. KRISHNA MENON,
Secretary to the Council.

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